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EEEEEEEE!

*HUH, I WONDER WHAT'S GOING ON?

*"DESTROY EVERYTHING!"

I DON'T THINK SO...

*[illegible]

ZAM

*"OH NO! NOT THEM! ANYONE BUT THEM!"

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*"THE JUSTICE SOCIETY!"

*"CALL OFF THE ATTACK! RETREAT!"
GET OFF OUR PLANET, YOU STINKING ALIENS!

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SMALLVILLE: 12 YEARS AGO...
GET OFF OUR PLANET YOU STINKIN' ALIENS!
CLARK?
LANA'S THE ONLY PERSON BESIDES MY PARENTS WHO KNOWS I'M AN ALIEN.
I ALWAYS WONDERED WHAT SHE THOUGHT.
BUT NOW I KNOW WHAT EVERYONE ELSE WOULD THINK.
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LYNDA CARTER IS SOOOO FREAKIN' HOT AS WONDER WOMAN!

THEY ALL HATE ME, LANA.

AND THOSE ALIENS! *NAS-TY!* IMAGINE IF THEY CRASHED HERE!

CLARK, IT WAS JUST A MOVIE.

IF I SAW ONE OF THOSE CREEPS, I'D WHUP —

PETE, JUST BE QUIET, OK?

WHAT'S *WITH* YOU TWO? I'M SURE NO ALIENS WERE ACTUALLY HARMED IN THE FILMING OF THAT MOVIE.

HEY, KENT, YOU COMIN'?

I'LL WALK, THANKS.

*THIS?* THIS IS THE ONE YOU FEAR?

FEAR MAY BE A BIT STRONG.

WE ARE... CONCERNED.

I THOUGHT THE *QUINTESSENCE* WAS TO SAFEGUARD'S EARTH'S ROLE IN THE *FUTURE*, NOT WASTE TIME WATCHING TEENAGE BOYS WITH *IDENTITY CRISES*.

IDENTITY IS EXACTLY WHY WE'RE HERE, *GUARDIAN*. TO DISCOVER THIS ONE'S ROLE.

*ZEUS* SPEAKS TRUE, *KONTROSS* OF OA. THIS IS NO ORDINARY MORTAL. HE HAS JUST DISCOVERED HIS POWER. HE IS AT A CROSSROADS.

HE IS DESTINED TO BRING ABOUT THE NEW AGE OF HERO.

THE CYCLE TURNS, WIZARD SHAZAM AND ZEUS, AS EVER. WE WERE YESTERDAY'S LEGENDS. HE IS *TOMORROW'S*.

OUR FEAR, *PHANTOM STRANGER*, IS THAT THERE WILL BE NO TOMORROW FOR MANKIND.

HE IS THE LAST SURVIVING KRYPTONIAN, AND, UNDER EARTH'S SUN, THE MOST POWERFUL BEING ON THE PLANET.

WE HAVE GODLY AWARENESS TO TEMPER OUR POWER, NOT HOMESPUN FARMER WISDOM.

HIGHFATHER, HE IS AS MIGHTY AS YOUR *"NEW GODS"* OR MY FELLOW OLYMPIANS.

WITH HIS POWER, HE COULD TAKE OVER THE ENTIRE PLANET *BY HIMSELF.*

INDEED. IN ONE VISION OF THE FUTURE, HE RAISES AN ARMY OF MEN AND WOMEN LIKE HIMSELF. THE HUMANS WILL FEAR HIM AND HIS ILK.

HE WILL CAUSE THE DEATH OF MY NEXT CHAMPION.

AH, MORE VISIONS FROM YOUR DRUNKEN ORACLES, ZEUS?

THE LAST ONE WAS THAT AN EARTH-BORN GREEN LANTERN WOULD DESTROY OA AND *KILL* ME.

YOU'RE WASTING OUR TIME.

ENOUGH. WE WILL STUDY THIS ONE, SEE IF THE ALIEN CAN WIELD HIS POWER JUSTLY.

IF NOT, THE RACE OF *KRYPTON* SHALL BE MADE *EXTINCT* IN THIS UNIVERSE.

I *KNOW* IT WAS A MOVIE, MA, BUT IT FELT LIKE THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT *ME*.

NOW CLARK, LAST TIME I CHECKED, YOU WEREN'T TRYING TO TAKE OVER THE EARTH.

IF YOU WERE, YOUR PA AND I WOULD *CERTAINLY* BE DISAPPOINTED IN YOU.

OH, *COME ON*. YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.

I'M *DIFFERENT*. WHAT IF THEY HATE ME BECAUSE I'M DIFFERENT?

I CAN SEE THROUGH *WALLS*.

THE OTHER NIGHT, I HEARD YOU AND PA TALKING IN THE BARN. MA, I WAS IN MY *ROOM*!

SON, YOU WERE MADE FOR THINGS BIGGER THAN THIS FARM, BIGGER THAN SMALLVILLE.

CLICK

BE TRUE TO WHAT YOU KNOW AND EVERYTHING WILL BE JUST FINE.

TODAY: BLOOD DRIVE

NOW HOLD STILL, CLARK KENT!

NURSE ARONSON, I CAN'T GIVE BLOOD! I'M -- I'M SCARED OF NEEDLES!

A STRAPPING YOUNG LAD LIKE YOURSELF? DON'T BE A BABY.

SNAP

WHOOPS! THAT'S MY MA CALLING. UH, NEXT TIME I'LL GIVE BLOOD. PROMISE!

PHAR

TODAY: BLOOD DRIVE

GEEZ, THAT WAS CLOSE... EH?

IT'S *HIM*. I'M TELLING YOU.

*CLARK KENT* IS THE ONE WE WANT.

MA! PA!

MA! ARE YOU HERE? PA?

EH?

We know who you are. We have your parents. Do not leave. We will contact you soon.

KNOCK KNOCK

RRIIPP

WHOA!

WHERE ARE THEY? *TELL ME!* WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

*STOP!* OWWW, KENT! YOU'RE HURTING ME!

I JUST CAME HERE TO GIVE YOU THIS LETTER!

WHERE. . . WHERE DID YOU GET THIS?

*GEEZ,* CLARK, HOW DID YOU DO THAT?

I WAS SUPPOSED TO MEET LANA AT HER HOUSE. THIS WAS ON HER DOORSTEP.

THEY HAVE LANA TOO. EVERYONE WHO KNOWS MY SECRET... GONE.

*GET OUT!* PETE, YOU HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE!

WHAT? WHAT'S GOING ON, KENT?

*JUST GET OUT! GET AWAY! HIDE!*

ALL RIGHT, YOU CAN COME OUT NOW.

SURRENDER, ALIEN.

AND IF I DON'T? I'VE DONE NOTHING WRONG TO YOU

YOU'RE FROM OUTER SPACE. THAT'S ENOUGH.

FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS, WE'VE HAD EVERY AGENCY FROM THE C.I.A. TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION LOOKING FOR YOU, BUDDY.

NOW, WE KNOW YOU CAN STILL MOP THE FLOOR WITH US. BUT YOUR PARENTS WOULD REALLY BE WORRIED IF WE SAID WE COULDN'T FIND YOU...

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...

... CLARK IS AN ALIEN?

SUT... I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!

THEY WON'T ANSWER YOU.

HEY! I'M CLARK KENT. CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE WE ARE? WHAT THEY WANT?

I'M DENNIS. THIS IS AN OLD BOMB SHELTER THE ARMY'S USING AS A BASE. AND THEY WANT US. THEY WANT ALIENS.

CAN WE ESCAPE? GET OUT OF HERE?

I DON'T THINK SO. THEY'VE DONE SOMETHING TO ME. I USED TO BE STRONG. REAL STRONG. NOW I CAN'T EVEN LIFT A FINGER.

HOLD ON, LET ME TRY SOMETHING. I CAN SEE THROUGH WALLS, IF I CONCENTRATE. I--

OH, MY GOD!

NOT A PRETTY SIGHT, IS IT?

BUT -- *WHY?*

WHY? BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT ME TO ATTACK, FLEE, OR WIPE MY NOSE WITHOUT THEIR SAY-SO.

I'M AFRAID YOU'RE NEXT.

MR. KENT? YOU'RE COMING WITH US. WE'LL NEED TO RUN A FEW TESTS ON YOU.

NO! YOU WON'T DO THAT TO ME!

WAIT -- ACK!

CLARK! SON! ARE YOU OKAY?

MA!

YOUR FATHER TRIED TO RESIST THOSE MEN, STUBBORN OLD GOAT. I THINK HE'LL BE OKAY.

CLARK... PLEASE... WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE.

YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, LANA. BUT THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO DO FIRST.

READY TO GO?

LIKE YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE.

ALERT! SUBJECTS HAVE ESCAPED! STOP AT ALL COSTS! ACTIVATE FAIL-SAFE MEASURES!

ACTIVATE FOREST INCENDIARIES!

C'MON! I THINK WE'RE ALMOST OUT!

NO. YOU'RE NOT.
GREEN LANTERN. WONDER WOMAN. DOCTOR FATE. THE ATOM. THE FLASH. HOURMAN. PHANTOM LADY. HEROES ONE AND ALL.
THIS IS WORSE THAN THE MOVIE.
BECAUSE NOW THEY'RE AFTER ME.

BOOM

YOU'VE KILLED A LOT OF GOOD SOLDIERS TODAY.

SO WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO THIS THE *HARD WAY.*

BRAT-TAT-TAT-TAT-TAT-TAT

WHAT?

ARGH!

GET AWAY FROM MY SON!

WELL, AREN'T WE CRANKY?

WAK

ARRGGHM

LADIES, GIVE UP AND NO ONE GETS HURT, OKAY?

BRAT-TAT-TAT-TAT

WHAT? WHERE ARE YOU?

I'M PHANTOM LADY. CAN YOU GUESS WHY?

GUESS WHAT, PHANTOM LADY?

I CAN SEE YOU.

WAZAM

OOOF!

I -- HUK -- I DIDN'T KILL --

THEY SAID WE DIDN'T HAVE TO PULL OUR PUNCHES WITH YOU.

SO WE *EACH* GET A TURN.

KRAK

THEN WE START ALL OVER AGAIN.

STAY BEHIND ME. I THINK I CAN HOLD THEM BACK.

IDIOT.

KUNK

ARRGH!

ENOUGH.

HEY! MY GUN!

WE'VE TRIED TO BE PATIENT.

IF YOU'RE HELPING THAT ALIEN, YOU'RE AS BAD AS HE IS.

NO.

NNOOO!

WAK

FWOOSH

JJJJNGGGH!

BOOM

NO MORE!

NO MORE.

THERE HE IS! I TOLD YOU! HE'S AN ALIEN, A MONSTER!

HE KILLED THE J.S.A.!

PETER ROSS, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? THIS IS CLARK! WE GREW UP WITH HIM!

WHAT? DID HE BRAINWASH YOU TOO? WITH THAT SPACE MIND OF HIS?

EEEEEKK!

SLAM

THE WHOLE FOREST'S ON FIRE!

CAN'T YOU DO SOMETHING?

IT'S NOT WORKING. MY POWER DOESN'T AFFECT WOOD!

EVERYONE, PLEASE, RUN! I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN CONTAIN THE FIRE!

WHAT ARE YOU *DOING*, CLARK? THIS IS YOUR *CHANCE!* *LET'S GO!*

I HAVE TO SAVE THESE PEOPLE.

WHY? THEY WANT TO *KILL YOU!* DON'T YOU REALIZE THEY'LL DO THE SAME THING TO *YOU* THAT THEY DID TO *ME?*

YOU GOT LUCKY THIS TIME. NEXT TIME WILL BE *WORSE.* THEY'LL JUST KEEP COMING BACK.

I MAY BE AN ALIEN, BUT AS LONG AS I HAVE *HOPE.* I HAVE MY HUMANITY.

IF I LOSE THAT. I'M THE MONSTER THEY SAY I AM.

I HAVE TO HOPE THEY'LL LEARN, THAT THEY'LL CHANGE.

THEN WE'VE SEEN ENOUGH. WAKE UP, CLARK KENT.

WHOA!

GOODNESS!

THAT WAS SOME DREAM YOU MUST HAVE BEEN HAVING, SON! I THINK YOU WOKE UP THE COWS!

A DREAM...

HE HAS PASSED THE TEST.

THE EARTH IS IN GOOD HANDS.

THE WORLD HAS ITS SUPERMAN.

END